

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,378,862 to Rebeaud in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,477,218 to Bean. In response, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 7. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and removal of this ground of rejection.

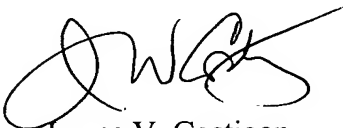
More particularly, Applicants notes that on page 5 of the September 8, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner noted that “the features upon which applicant relies... are not recited in the rejected claim(s).” Therefore, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 7 to recite these elements, which do not constitute new matter. The phrase “wherein said pressure elements (51) act directly on said sheet (12)” in amended claim 1 finds support at, *inter alia*, page 7, lines 1-2 of the specification. The phrase “said retractable stop elements being capable of adapting to different sheet formats” in amended claim 7 finds support at, *inter alia*, page 6, lines 6-8.

The claims as amended recite features that, as the Examiner stated “the references fail to show.” Therefore, even if it were obvious to combine the two prior art references, which Applicant does not concede, one having ordinary skill in the art would not create the claimed invention because the references do not disclose 1) elements adaptable to different printing formats, or 2) pressure elements that act directly on the sheet. Additionally, there are no suggestions to modify or combine the same references in order to obtain the claimed invention adaptable to different printing formats. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and removal of this ground of rejection.

### Conclusion

Based on the foregoing amendments and remark Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to the Office Action dated September 8, 2005. An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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